## RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NO. 168 P. 6

10. 100

FEB 0 2 2007

I heraby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (571) 273-8300, on the date shown below

Dated: February 2, 2007

Signature:

Docket No.: 595792000121

(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Eduardo BLUMWALD et al.

Application No.: 10/620,061

Confirmation No.: 3324

Filed: July 14, 2003

Art Unit: 1638

For: HIGH SALT PLANTS AND USES FOR

Examiner: A. Kubelik

BIOREMEDIATION

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 2, 2006 (Paper No. 20060908), for which a response was due on January 2, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 2, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

sf-223I491 v3